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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED DOCUMENTS

REF: ROME 2676

1. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION OF THE LOCKHEED DOCUMENTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PRACTICE IN EARLIER COMPANY HEARINGS, THE CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE BEGAN ITS PUBLIC LOCKHEED HEARINGS BY RELEASING TO THE PRESS ON FEBRUARY 4 A BATCH OF DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE COMPANY. THIS WAS A SELECTION OF DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED THROUGH ITS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, ROGERS AND WELLS, FROM AN INVENTORY OF MORE THAN 60,000 DOCUMENTS IN CALIFORNIA DEALING WITH THE WORLD-WIDE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMPANY. THIS DOCUMENTATION REFERRED TO AS THE QUOTE CHURCH REPORT UNQUOTE IS A MISNOMER GIVEN THE MATERIALS BY THE ITALIAN PRESS.

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2. THE DOCUMENTATION RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 4 AMOUNTED TO

MORE THAN 150 LEGAL-SIZE PAGES BOUND WITH A SINGLE STAPLE. IT WAS ASSEMBLED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE IN SECTIONS WITH TITLE PAGES IN FRONT OF EACH SECTION. THE 43 PAGES DESCRIBED IN STATE 28662 APPEARED FOLLOWING A PAGE ENTITLED QUOTE POLITICAL PAYMENTS IN ITALY UNQUOTE. THESE ARE THE DOCUMENTS ON ITALY WHICH THE ITALIAN EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT IT HAS SENT TO ROME AND WHICH THE DEPARTMENT POUCED TO ALAN FORD UNDER COVER OF A LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 5. WE NOTE FROM PARA 2 OF THE REFEMBTTEL THAT THESE PAGES WERE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE EMBASSY TO MINISTER GUI. PLEASE REPORT ANY DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER WITH GUI ON FEBRUARY 6 OR SUBSEQUENTLY.

3. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE 43 PAGES AGAIN AND HAVE RE-ASSEMBLED THEM BY SUBJECT. THEY CONSIST OF 21 DOCUMENTS OF WHICH THREE ARE INTERNAL LOCKHEED MEMORANDA OF 1971-72, EIGHT DOCUMENTS DATED 1968-71 RELATE TO THE STUDIO LEGALE LEFEBVRE AGREEMENT AND PAYMENTS, FOUR ARE LETTERS TO AND FROM COM.EL OF THE SAME PERIOD, AND SIX ARE LETTERS TO AND FROM TEZOREFO DATED 1969-71.

4. AS FOR THE MISSING PAGES MENTIONED BY THE ITALIAN PRESS, SEE SEPTEL ON THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR'S APPROACH TO THE DEPARTMENT.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ROGERS AND WELLS TAPED OUT THE NAMES ON THESE DOCUMENTS BEFORE DELIVERING THEM TO THE CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE. NAMES WERE IN SOME CASES WRITTEN BACK IN BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF BEFORE THE DOCUMENTS WERE REPRODUCED FOR RELEASE TO THE PRESS. THESE NAMES WERE DERIVED FROM DUPLICATE AND UNTAPED COPIES PROVIDED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE BY THE ACCOUNTING FIRM OF ARTHUR YOUNG AND COMPANY. THERE HAVE BEEN TWO PRESS REPORTS THAT THE UN-TAPED DUPLICATES WERE DELIVERED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE BY MISTAKE.

6. SENATOR CHURCH TOLD THE PRESS ON FEBRUARY 20 THAT HE WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING ITALY, THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DERIVED FROM LOCKHEED. WE UNDERSTAND THE CHURCH CONFIDENTIAL

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